



Salem Mennonite Church

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Mennonite Church USA

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South Church Worship Order (Zoom)

I. GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

(9:15-9:30) Gathering

- <https://zoom.us/j/278905019>
- Or phone call-in # (312) 626-6799 and Meeting ID: 278 905 019
- One-Tab Mobile (iPhone) +16699009128,,278905019#

Organ Prelude

“Blessed Assurance” – arr. Knapp

II. CELEBRATING CHRIST’S RESURRECTION

Choral Invocation

“O God of Every Nation”

– sung by First Plymouth Church of Lincoln, NE (2017)

Words: William W. Rejd, Jr., 1958

Tune: Traditional Welsh Melody 19th Cent.

Welcome, Call to Worship & Prayer

Praising Together

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” blue HWB #277

“Low in the Grave He Lay” blue HWB #273

Greeting One Another

Children’s Story Time

“The Friend Who Forgives”

by Dan DeWitt & Catalina Echeverri (2018)

III. HEARING CHRIST’S CALL

Easter Scripture Reading

John 21

Sermon

“Love Me? Okay, Feed My Sheep”

Response Song

“Two Fishermen (Leave All Things Behind)” blue HWB #227

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

- ❖ We ask God for ongoing protection and healing for **Don Waltner** and we pray that God also provide the family members with **endurance** in their long waiting, **courage** in the face of the frightening unknown, and **strength** for the tough care decisions that may lie ahead; may **Christ's peace be with them**, come what may.
- ❖ We pray for **God's binding of the wounds on the hearts of Nick, Erika, Eli, Jace & Luke** as they spend their last week in South Dakota unable to close their time and say goodbyes in fitting ways; may they receive Christ's consolations in this week of packing.
- ❖ After May Day honoring workers, we ask God to **help us protect vulnerable sisters & brothers** beyond our church membership, also. May Christ stoke our hearts to make changes to our food systems & eating habits in order to better care for *both* famers *and* communities of racial minority South Dakotans who are most imperiled by COVID-19 cases because of their work environments and economic situations. **We raise up our cries in lament that in our state where only 15% of the population is non-white, 69% of positive SD COVID-19 cases have ravaged communities of color in South Dakota.** May God give us as a farming community particular wisdom in balancing our desire to have efficient processing facilities for our milk and meat animals while also protecting the industry's workers who currently serve our economic needs.
- ❖ We celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit with the South Church **young men choosing baptism at Swan Lake** this afternoon (5/3) to respond to Jesus' call to, "Follow me;" may **Philip Balzer, Beau Miller, Tyler Brockmueller, Gavin Haggerty, Gabe Miller, Ben Nelson and Treyton Waltner** continue to grow in their love for Jesus Christ and for the church.

IV. SENT TO LOVE JESUS & FEED HIS FLOCK

Sending Hymn

"We are often Tossed & Driv'n" purple SS #72

Benediction

Organ Postlude

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" – arr. Hegarty

Worship Leaders: Wendy & Brian Miller; **Preacher:** Pastor Nick; **Music & Song Selections:** Marilyn Brockmueller, Pastor Nick; **Children's Focus:** Audrey Graber; **Audio-Visual Technicians:** Rachel & Matt Waltner

WORSHIP OFFERING

Worship Offering Today (5/3)

Vacation Bible School

Worship Offering Next Sunday (5/10)

Central Plains Mennonite Conference

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING

Adult S.S. Offering Today (5/3)

Salem Sunday School

Offering Next Sunday (5/10)

Children's Inn

THIS WEEK

Wed. (6th) – Monthly Day of Prayer & Fasting, **7:30 p.m.** – Prayer Meeting

CONCERNING THE DETWEILER-STODDARD FAMILY

"Drive-through Farewell" Friday PM, May 8 – This is Erika, Nick, Eli, Jace & Luke's last week with us. Because of increased work needs and challenges of physical distance, they have not been able to make rounds to say goodbye to you all. As a result, the Deacon Board is planning a "Drive-through Farewell" for the family **this coming Friday, May 8. All are welcome to swing by anytime from 3-8 pm and say some "good-byes" in person**, using social distancing on the lawn or from the car. (If you need to come at a different time that day or during the week, just **text them at 605-940-7212 & -7214**). This will allow them time to pack on Saturday and Sunday; they are planning to leave early Monday morning 5/11 as Erika begins work in Iowa very soon.

Contact Information for Nick Stoddard & Erika Detweiler:

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Can We Call or Visit? Even though the completion of a pastoral tenure involves maintaining boundaries so as not to continue to rely on Nick "as your pastor," it is right and well to continue to maintain contact with them as friends and siblings in Christ and colleagues in Central Plains Mennonite Conference. You are very welcome to continue to text, call, email or send letters (as long as it *isn't* seeking South Church-related help). When you pass through Iowa, please swing by our home in Washington for a meal or a night, or just a hello! We'll be mad if you come through and don't ;)

After Sunday, May 10 please continue to direct your congregational and pastoral ideas, questions, cares, concerns and joys on to the appropriate parties: **Pastor Bob Engbrecht** and/or **Deacons** (Jenelle Miller, Dennis Ries, Everett Waltner, Peggy Waltner, James Unruh), or **relevant Department chairs:** Council (Paul B. & Vernie W., mod/asst.), Trustees (Craig M.), Worship (Kathy K. & Kris C.), Christian Formation (Gregg W. & Libby M.), PCRC (LaVonne B.), Office (Amy W.)

COMING EVENTS

May 17 – Congregational Meeting immediately after the worship service

May 27 – Church Council Meeting

SOUTH CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 17 immediately following our worship service. This will be a Zoom meeting using the same link we use for worship. The meeting will be a vote of affirmation for Central Plains Mennonite Church delegates to the annual meeting in June. Nominations from Church Council include Brad Anderson, Nancy Halvorson, Anne Waltner, Chantel Hofer, Libby Miller, Jeff Preheim, and Paul Balzer.

As we continue to worship remotely & eventually consider plans for gradually coming together in our church building again, there's an increased value in utilizing online forms of communication. Plan to visit SouthChurchSD.org. A variety of resources, including Sunday school & devotional materials, can be found on our church website. If you or your family members use Facebook, you'll also find church-related information at the Salem Mennonite - South Church page. Please know that our Facebook posts can be viewed online even if you do not have a Facebook account.

Our Bible School leadership team has reluctantly decided to cancel VBS for this year. Our plan is for the 2020 leaders from both churches to resume their roles next year, and for South Church to be the hosting church in 2021.

We will be making a new schedule for worship leaders at this time. Obviously, serving as worship leader currently looks a little different than it used to! Would YOU be willing to help out in this way? Being a worship leader for a Zoom service is going to be especially important once Pastor Nick has left. All that is needed is for you to have a computer with a camera and microphone, so that we can all see and hear you - combing your hair and changing out of your jammies is optional! If you would be willing to help facilitate our worship time in this way, PLEASE email Kris Carlson at krisbrad@goldenwest.net as soon as possible. This is an immediate and pressing need!

After several weeks of careful deliberation and communication with the local host committee in the Twin Cities, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our in-person Annual Meeting for Central Plains Mennonite Conference this year. Given the continuing uncertainty around COVID-19, we simply do not believe it is wise for us to plan an in-person gathering. Alternative arrangements are in the works. Watch for more details as we plan for the virtual annual meeting and conference-wide worship for June 20-21.

COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Today at 4:00pm, the Freeman Ministerial Association will broadcast live from Bethany Church the Baccalaureate Service for the graduating seniors from Freeman Public and Freeman Academy. You will be able to watch this live on channel 90 at 4:00pm and the service will also be posted on YouTube. We are celebrating our seniors as best as we can this year!

Online Event: Explore Ukraine! - Sunday, May 3, 7:30 PM

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) and Freeman's Heritage Hall Museum & Archives invite you to a FREE online event, hosted by Marnette and Vanessa Hofer. This event will use the "Zoom" video app to share photos and videos from the Hofers' 2019 journey through Ukraine and Germany. **To RSVP and receive the link to attend**, or if you have questions and would like a walk-through of how to join the online event, please contact Marnette at info@heritagehallmuseum.com or by calling the Museum (605-925-7545).

Rural Revival will hold a Zoom web meeting at 8:00 p.m. on April 27. Meeting information will be sent to people on the Rural Revival mailing list on April 23.

We have had a number of people calling and asking, "Are you still having camp?" The answer is a resounding "yes". We have made some changes to our schedule however. An email will be going out to those who have attended camp in the past. The complete letter from SLCC is in the newsletter.

Due to the fact that the SD MCC Relief Sale has been canceled for 2020, here is an **UPDATE** from the relief sale board:

- **My Coins Count** will still take place this year so keep saving those coins! Watch for details as to how and when they will be collected. Please note that there will be a special gift from MCC for participating children.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** approximately 6 items will be offered for auction by sealed bidding. Bidding forms with pictures and details of the items will be available in your church, website and local Freeman Courier newspaper in June. Your one bid on an item will be your only bid on that item – no raising bids.
- A **special offering** for MCC will be received on July 12 (if we are having services by then, if not other arrangements will be made) to support the work of MCC. **Blessing bid project opportunities** will be available in your bulletin or mailbox so that you can contribute, through this offering, as you have in the past.
- The relief sale plans to return next year on **July 10**.

Many relief sales have had to cancel this year and thrift shops have been closed for an extended time period. This is a serious revenue loss for MCC so we ask that you please consider how you might give so MCC programs can continue to be funded.

Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30am/ Sunday School – Following Worship
Office Hours – Wednesday – Friday 9:30-12:30; bulletin deadline – 9:30 a.m. Friday
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